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SUBJ: PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA COMMENTS ON HIS MEETING WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, TRA, SELA, CUBA AND NATION-
ALIZATION OF ECUADOR'S OIL INDUSTRY

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1. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT STORIES CARRIED IN BOTH QUITO AND
GUAYAQUIL PRESS MARCH 17 REPORTED THE THRITY MINUTE PRESS
CONFERENCE HELD IN CARACAS ON MARCH 16 BY PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ
LARA AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS' JOINT DECLARA-
TION.

2. THE ACCOUNTS QUOTE THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING HE HAD HAD A
"CORDIAL MEETING" WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS IN WHICH
THEY STUDIED THE PROBLEMS AND HAD A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF
IDEAS ABOUT THE MEASURES WHICH THE UNITED STATES OUGHT TO
ADOPT. THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ROGERS
OFFERED TO HAVE THE TRA AMENDED BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MAY, AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS
HOPE THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN "IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR RELA-
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TIOONS WITH THE U.S. MORE CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE, WHICH

IS WHAT WE HOPE FOR AMERICAN NATIONS OF THE SAME HEMISPHERE."

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT NATIONALIZATION OF BASIC RESOURCES, RODRIGUEZ LARA RESPONDED WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT ECUADOR HAD ALREADY ACQUIRED 25 PERCENT OF THE SHARES OF THE TWO OIL COMPANIES WHICH OPERATE IN HIS COUNTRY; SAID ECUADOR WOULD DELIBERATELY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES ACQUIRE LARGER PERCENTAGES OF THE SHARES OF THE FOREIGN COMPANIES; AND REMINDED HIS LISTENERS THAT ECUADOR IS A COUNTRY WHICH HAS ARRIVED IN THE WORLD OF PETROLEUM ONLY A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND THAT IT HAD TO TAKE VERY MUCH INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSITY OF HAVING TECHNOLOGY, EXPERIENCE AND THE CAPACITY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE BY ITSELF TO PRODUCE AND EXPLOIT HYDROCARBONS.

4. WITH REGARD TO SELA, RODRIGUEZ LARA SAID ECUADOR WAS STUDYING IT.

5. HE STATED THAT ECUADOR'S POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO RECOGNITION OF CUBA HAS NOT CHANGED.

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6. COMMENT: RODRIGUEZ LARA'S TREATMENT OF THE TRA CARRIES HIM ONE STEP BEYOND HIS ALGIERS INTERVIEW (QUITO 1636) WHERE HE AT LEAST AND AT LAST ACKNOWLEDGED THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO AMEND THE TRA SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE ANTI-OPEC PROVISION. HIS ABSTENTION FROM REPETITION OF THE GOE'S PREVIOUS STRICTURES ON THIS POINT IS MILDLY ENCOURAGING.

7. WITH RESPECT TO NATIONALIZATION, THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS REAFFIRM HIS KNOWN VIEWS THAT ECUADOR DOES NOT HAVE THE TECHNICAL SKILL TO OPERATE ITS PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND WILL BE SATISFIED FOR NOW, AT LEAST, WITH INCREASING ITS OWNERSHIP SHARE OF TEXACO-GULF. THE ANNOUNCED GOAL IS 51 PERCENT, TO BE REACHED AT AN UNANNOUNCED DATE.

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